GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:51
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ACTION PLAN FOR ASIAN AND OLYMPIC GAMES
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been made by the Sports Authority of India for coaching/training of the sportspersons for the coming Olympic and Asian Games ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Sports Authority of India has focused on certain specific games;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the facilities being provided for imparting training to the sportspersons for Olympic and Asian Games ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.51 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.7.2006 REGARDING ACTION PLAN FOR ASIAN AND OLYMPIC GAMES ASKED BY SHRI HEMLAL MURMU.

(a) & (b): The preparation/training of sportspersons for major international events, including the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and Olympics, is an on-going process which takes into account inputs provided by National Sports Federations. A systematic approach is adopted to select and train athletes and teams for participation in major international events by drawing up Long Term Development Programmes (LTDP) and putting into action four year roll-on Plans with reference to various important events, under which, inter alia, talented sportspersons, selected on the basis of their performance, are put through scientifically designed continuous training programmes.

(c) & (d): The SAI`s focus, determined by its infrastructure and staff support, is on Long Term Development Programmes. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) facilitates training for medals prospects in these identified sports disciplines/games and also makes available its infrastructure for coaching camps and for competitions.

(e) Under the scheme of assistance to National Sports Federations, the Ministry provides financial assistance to recognized National Sports Federations for coaching of sportspersons /teams under Indian and foreign coaches; training -cum-participation of Indian teams abroad; holding of international tournaments in India; holding of national championship in India; and for providing requisite technical and scientific back up. Apart from this, the Ministry also provides financial assistance of upto Rs.5.00 lakh each to national champions and medal winners of Olympic/Asian/Commonwealth/Afro-Asian Games and World Championships for the purchase of equipment, scientific support and training & participation in sports events in India and abroad, under the scheme for Talent Search and Training.

The Ministry also provides financial assistance to eminent sportspersons and medalists of Olympic, Asian and Commonwealth Games for training abroad from the National Sports Development Fund.